



Washington Health Professional Services
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WASHINGTON HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

A Confidential Program for Chemically Impaired Professionals

One out of ten health care professionals experiences a problem with drugs or alcohol over the course of his or her career. All too frequently, chemical dependency jeopardizes the practices and licenses, and ultimately the public.

Fortunately, chemical dependency is treatable. Appropriate and effective treatment can save a professional's career, license, and even his or her life.

Signs that may indicate a professional is experiencing problems:

- mood swings
- inappropriate behavior
- frequently days off for implausible reasons
- noncompliance with acceptable policies and procedures
- deteriorating appearance
- inconsistent job performance
- inadequate documentation
- unusual prescribing practices
- alcohol on breath
- poor judgement, concentration
- dishonesty
- missed appointments
- boundary violations

Washington Health Professional Services can help

Washington Health Professional Services is a voluntary, structured, supportive monitoring program designed to assist impaired practitioners into treatment and recovery.

The Program Includes:

- confidential consultation with the health professional, colleagues, or other concerned referring individual
- intervention consultation
- referral for evaluation
- referrals for treatment
- coordination of resources
- monitoring of participation and compliance
- encouragement and support
- education and outreach

Washington Health Professional Services offers an individualized program and provides a cost-effective approach to recovery from chemical dependency.

Confidentiality

All requests for information or consultation are held in the strictest confidence. Washington Health Professional Services records are protected under RCW 18.130.175.

Referrals

Self referrals aid early entry into treatment and recovery and are treated confidentially.

Health Professionals may be directed to the program by colleagues, friends or family members. Referrals are also commonly made by professional associations, colleagues, disciplining authorities, agencies, and institutions, such as schools and hospitals. Early intervention increases consumer protection.

We would like to hear from you.
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In cooperation with the following Associations:

<i>American Massage Therapy Association</i>	<i>206-517-9020</i>
<i>Chemical Dependency Board</i>	<i>509-725-0033</i>
<i>National Association of Alcoholism & Drug Abuse Counselors</i>	<i>1-800-548-0497</i>
<i>National Association of Social Workers Washington State Chapter</i>	<i>1-800-864-2078</i>
<i>Respiratory Care Society of Washington</i>	<i>360-299-1300</i>
<i>Washington Mental Health Counselors Association</i>	<i>206-269-0411</i>
<i>Washington Society of Radiologic Technologists</i>	<i>1-800-953-0232</i>
<i>Washington State Chiropractic Association</i>	<i>260-364-6628</i>
<i>Washington State Dental Association</i>	<i>1-800-562-1240</i>
<i>Washington State Dental Hygienists' Association</i>	<i>425-771-3201</i>
<i>Washington State Nurses Association.....</i>	<i>206-443-9762</i>
<i>Washington State Psychological Association Psychologists' Support Program</i>	<i>206-328-1021</i>

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